From:	Walsh, Jane
To:	"McCaslin, Heidi"
Cc:	Pugsley, Michele
Subject:	RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom
Date:	Friday, February 15, 2019 1:26:51 PM
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Hello Heidi –
This clarification is beneficial. I so appreciate Michele's and your words of support and for working on this issue for us.
The Denver Early Childhood community is very close-knit and their advocacy, and actions provided an amazing level of support for our children and families. The responsiveness of our Denver child care providers translated into many families having safe, high quality care settings for their children that otherwise would not have been possible.
We are all very relieved that the strike has ended and will feel even more relieved when the DPS Board and the teachers each have cast their votes.
Thanks again. I hope you have a great long weekend.
Jane

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From: McCaslin, Heidi [mailto:McCaslin_H@cde.state.co.us]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Walsh, Jane <Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org>
Cc: Pugsley, Michele <Pugsley_M@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Dear Jane,
Good morning. You wrote Michele Saturday asking CDE to weigh in officially on whether CPP classrooms would be able to go above 16 in circumstances like the one you are facing now with the teacher strike. Even though DPS is choosing not to serve early childhood students this week during the strike, we are aware that DHS has given community sites (many of which have CPP funding) the opportunity to apply for a waiver to be able to go over group size and ratio to provide drop-in care for families. As Michele has stated, because the maximum group size for CPP is 16 and is in state law, CDE staff do not have the authority to waive the requirement. However, we did get word from the AG's office last Friday that in emergent situations like the one you are facing now, and for a brief and temporary time period, CDE would not be in a position to take negative action for non-compliance

should your district choose to exceed the maximum group size limit.

We know this is a challenging time for you and others who are working to ensure that the children in your programs are safe. We are thinking of you and hoping for a swift and mutual outcome to this week's situation.

Best,
Heidi

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From: Pugsley, Michele
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:21 AM
To: Walsh, Jane
Cc: McCaslin, Heidi
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Good Morning, Jane. I am thinking about you and your district this morning and I know it will be a challenging day.
Thank you for your email and this information. Because the maximum class size for CPP Funded classrooms is set at 16 by legislated statute, we cannot approve a waiver. I am waiting to hear if there are options for this. The community providers that have CPP funding for preschool classrooms will need to maintain the 16 children per classroom per legislated statute. If there is any additional information, Heidi or I will contact you as soon as possible.
Thank you and best wishes to all of you this week,
Michele

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From: Walsh, Jane [mailto:Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org]
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Cc: McCaslin, Heidi <McCaslin_H@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom
Importance: High

Hello –
Though there will be no ECE in district classrooms should there be a strike (which I am intending does not occur – think miracles!), we still need to know whether CPP classrooms would be able to go above 16 in these circumstances. The state has given our community sites (many of which have CPP funding) the opportunity to apply for a waiver to be able to go over group size and ratio to provide drop-in care for families.

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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Walsh, Jane <Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org>
Cc: McCaslin, Heidi <McCaslin_H@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Thank you for this information, Jane. Wishing you all the best during this challenging time for your district!
Take care,
Michele

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From: Walsh, Jane [mailto:Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 11:06 AM
To: Pugsley, Michele <Pugsley_M@cde.state.co.us>
Cc: McCaslin, Heidi <McCaslin_H@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Hello –
Should the DPS teachers strike, there will be no ECE classes open in the district.
Thank you.

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From: Pugsley, Michele [mailto:Pugsley_M@cde.state.co.us]
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Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Good Morning Jane,
I know you and your team are very busy and consumed with a looming teacher strike. I wanted to follow up with you regarding our phone conversation a few weeks ago about the plan you are working on with CDHS about having 20 children per classroom during the teacher's strike. When we

talked I indicated that CDE would do our best to work with you on this. However, internal conversations are still occurring and the central issue is that the requirement for classrooms to be capped at 16 is in state statute which staff are not authorized to waive. Our office director is continuing to identify whether we have any opportunity to be lenient on this. We will get back to you as soon as we have more information.
Thank you and talk with you soon,
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To: Pugsley, Michele <Pugsley_M@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Hi Michele –
I'd like to speak with you about the circumstances that DPS is potentially facing and the plan for CPP/ECARE classrooms when you've got a few minutes. Please let me know when you're available. Thanks.

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